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This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1951 from the [redacted] to the [redacted].

1. During the night of 14 May 1951, 1,000 soldiers of the 3 Field Army were seen at South Station, Canton, equipped with American rifles, tommy guns, and other American supplies; they marched to Hsichuan, in Canton's western suburbs.¹
2. During the night of 15 May, 1,500 troops landed on the west bank at Canton from tow boats and proceeded to their billets in the northern outskirts of Canton.
3. On 16 May, 4,000 soldiers of the 3 Field Army quartered in Shaho, at the northeastern edge of Canton, moved eastward along the highway toward the East River Basin. Attached to this unit was an artillery battalion with 12 x 75 mm guns and 80 mules and horses.
4. During the night of 23-24 May, 3,000 troops of the 48 Army, 4 Field Army, arrived in Canton by the Canton-Hankow railroad. They were billeted in villages around Canton and gave no indication of moving elsewhere.
5. In late May the 127 Division, 43 Army, stationed in Yinhsien² and Lienchou (109-10, 21-38), were ordered to clear out guerrillas from the Hundred Thousand Mountain Range bordering Kwangsi and Indochina. During March and April remnants of guerrillas in the Yaoshan (109- , 23-) district fled to this mountain range, which is a hide-out for Kwangtung and Kwangsi guerrillas.
6. In late May the 19 Regiment of the Canton Column (sic) was in Yangchiang (111-53, 21-52) Hsien to enforce "agrarian reform;" recently 400 men in the Hsien were condemned and executed.
7. On 26 May an artillery battalion of the Kwangtung Military District Command left Honan (113-16, 23-05) for Humen (113-41, 22-49) aboard the FU T'AN (浮灘).

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8. In late May the 27 Battalion of the engineers regiment of the 15 Army Group moved from Canton to Nanshiht'ou (南石頭), on the south bank of the Pearl River in the Canton area, where it is building defenses. Five hundred militiamen from the West River area of Kwangtung left Canton for Kukung (Ch'u Chiang - 113-33, 24-50) by train.
 9. On 29 May a regiment of the 131 Division and a battalion of Chinese Communist artillery troops were in the Bias Bay area.
 10. On 29 May there were Chinese Communist Army observation posts and approximately 100 troops on the Tahsingtao (大星島) and Hsiaohsingtao (小星島) Islands southeast of P'inghai (114-53, 22-37). The coast of the P'inghai area was heavily fortified and 5 Chinese Communist steam vessels were patrolling the area constantly.
 11. On 27 May plague in the Loch'ang (113-18, 25-08) area was serious and spreading. On 27 May the Canton-Hankow Railroad Bureau announced that effective 27 May train service was temporarily suspended between Canton and Wuch'ang (114-17, 30-32) because of plague in the Lochang area; service will be resumed when the plague is under control.
 12. In late May the Central and South China Military Area Command at Hankow decided to call up all men between the ages of 16 and 30 for a military training period of five weeks. They will be instructed in the use of rifles, mortars and grenades. After the training course, they will be classified as reserves in readiness for enlistment as regulars.

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1. Comment. Apparently they arrived from Hunan.

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2. Comment. Perhaps Chihhsien (108-37, 21-58) is meant.

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